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FOR A/SY/FO AND A/SY/T/SP FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF FIREARMS POLICY GUIDANCE STATEMENTS

REF: STATE 186031

1. KINSHASA FIREARMS POLICY CONTAINED IN MARCH 23, 1976
CONFIDENTIAL MEMO FROM RSO TO RALPH EARLE IS QUOTED IN TOTO:
BEGIN QUOTE KINSHASA'S POLICY CONCERNING DEFENSIVE WEAPONS IS AS
FOLLOWS: WEAPONS ARE STORED AT THE EMBASSY AND MARINE HOUSE
UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE RSO. IF WEAPONS ARE TO BE
ISSUED IT IS AT THE SPECIFIC WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE AMBASSADOR
AND AT PRESENT NO ONE AT THIS POST HAS WRITTEN PERMISSION TO
CARRY WEAPONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MSG. THE RSO CARRIES
A WEAPON ONLY ON RARE OCCASIONS, I.E. LARGE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF
MIXED DIPLOMATIC AND BUSINESSMEN WHERE THE PROBABILITY OF AN
INCIDENT IS GREATER (FOURTH OF JULY). RSO ALWAYS ADVISES THE
AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE IF WEAPONS SHOULD BE PRESENT. THE AMBASSADOR
OR CHARGE THEN DECLINES OR APPROVES THE RSO TO CARRY A WEAPON.
END QUOTE

2. THERE ARE PRESENTLY NO FIREARMS ISSUED TO POST PERSONNEL
AND ONLY MSG'S ARE ARMED WITH ISSUE WEAPONS.
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